

**Interior Design Unit One**  
**Housing Needs Notes**  
**FACTORS AFFECTING HOUSING CHOICES**

**The most influential factors upon housing choices:**

- location
- climate
- cost--*recommended range for housing is 25-35 % of monthly budget*

**Other important factors to consider:**

- financial
  - pros and cons - buying vs. renting
  - monthly payment/rent in relationship to percent of income
- environmental
  - local climate
  - topography
  - population density
  - culture
  - public service availability
  - indigenous building materials
  - social trends

**city/county zoning laws often influence:**

- multiple- or single-family units
- public transportation
- location of shopping areas
- physical disabilities

**mobility**

- *ability to relocate, frequency and ease of moving*

**housing choices**

- multi-family dwellings:
  - duplex
  - apartments
  - condos
- single-family home dwellings:

- o prefabricated home
- o track
- o custom
- o mobile home

